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SUBJECT:VICE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO ISRAELI KNESSET

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT TO THE SPEAKER OF THE KNESSET PRIOR TO THE JULY 12 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE KNESSET BEING HELD TO HONOR THE BICENTENNIAL.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. SPEAKER:
ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT FORD, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND MY COLLEAGUES IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES I WISH TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT KATZIR, THE MEMBERS OF THE KNESSET AND THE ISRAELI PEOPLE FOR THIS SPECIAL SESSION OF THE KNESSET COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE VALUES SET FORTH IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH FORM THE BASIS OF OUR INDEPENDENCE AND OUR NATIONAL STRENGTH ARE VALUES WHICH WE SHARE WITH YOU. A COMMON DEDICATION TO FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY LIES BEHIND THE SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS EXIST-
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ED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES SINCE ISRAEL ACHIEVED ITS

INDEPENDENCE. THAT ENDURING AND CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WILL
CONTINUE INTO AMERICA'S THIRD CENTURY.

YOUR PAST, LIKE OURS, HAS BEEN MARKED BOTH BY STRUGGLE AND
TRIUMPH OVER ADVERSITY. AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
INSPIRED BY THE COURAGE, THE DARING AND THE RESOURCEFUL-
NESS DISPLAYED BY THE ISRAELI PEOPLE AS YOU HAVE FACED
REPEATED CHALLENGES TO YOUR SURVIVAL.

WHAT WE ALL HOPE FOR AND PRAY FOR IS A DURABLE PEACE FOR
ALL PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST. AND IN THIS QUEST YOU WILL
CONTINUE TO HAVE THE UNSTINTING COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES.

AGAIN, ALL AMERICAN THANKS YOU FOR YOUR MAGNIFICENT
GESTURE OF SHARING IN THE JOYOUS CELEBRATION OF OUR
NATION'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY. WITH BEST WISHES,
NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, VICE PRESIDENT.

HONORABLE YISRAEL YESHAYAHU
SPEAKER OF THE ISRAEL KNESSET
JERUSALEM.

END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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